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SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR HOLDS FINAL DISCUSSION WITH FONMIN. ONE MINOR CHANGE IN MPAA AGREED TO. SIGNING SET FOR 0930 DECEMBER 30 SEOUL TIME. FULL TEXTS OF JOINT STATEMENT AND MPAA SENT SEPTELS. END SUMMARY.

1. GREATLY APPRECIATE NEW WORDING PARA EIGHT FINAL PHRASE PROVIDED REFTEL. I DISCUSSED THIS WITH FONMIN MORNING DECEMBER 28 AND HE AGREEABLE TO SIGNING ON THIS BASIS WITH ONE SMALL MODIFICATION. HE REQUESTED THAT WORD QUOTE PRESENT END QUOTE BETWEEN QUOTE STATEMENTS OF END QUOTE AND QUOTE OFFICIALS OF END QUOTE IN THIRD SENTENCE PARA EIGHT BE DELETED. HE FELT THIS LANGUAGE PREFERABLE FROM OPTICAL VIEWPOINT. FOLLOWING WASHINGTON TELCONS, I INFORMED FONMIN NEW WORDING ACCEPTABLE PROVIDED THERE IS NO CHANGE IN SUBSTANCE. FONMIN CONFIRMED THAT CHANGE HAD NO SUBSTAN-TIVE MEANING BUT BETTER OPTICALLY.

2. WE THEN DISCUSSED TIMING AND AGREED THAT WE WOULD HOLD FORMAL SIGNING ON DECEMBER 30 AT 0930. HE IS
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PREPARED TO INITIAL ON AFTERNOON DECEMBER 29 IF I RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION. I INTEND AT TIME OF FORMAL SIGNING TO MAKE STATEMENT REGARDING UNITED STATES CONGRESS AS INSTRUCTED. I WILL AGAIN EMPHASIZE THIS POINT TO PRESS WHEN I MEET WITH THEM FOLLOWING FORMAL SIGNING. WE ALSO AGREED TO CONFIRM TEXTS THIS AFTERNOON AND THIS ACCOMPLISHED BY POLCOUNS CLARK AND PAK SANG YONG.

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3. I AGAIN TOLD FONMIN THAT I WOULD HAVE TO SEE TEXT OF LETTER FROM TONGSUN PARK BEFORE I WOULD BE PREPARED TO INITIAL OR SIGN JOINT STATEMENT. HE AGREED THAT PAK WOULD SHOW TEXT TO POLCOUNS CLARK ON AFTERNOON DECEMBER 28. THIS WAS DONE AND TRANSLATION OF PARK LETTER WHICH IS IN KOREAN READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE DECEMBER 27, 1977 AMBASSADOR RICHARD L. SNEIDER, AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SEOUL, KOREA. DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR: I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER DATED DECEMBER 24, 1977. I READ THE CONTENTS OF THE JOINT STATEMENT AND THE MUTUAL PROSECUTION ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT AND I AGREE TO COOPERATE IN THE WAYS STATED THEREIN. SINCERELY, (SIGNED) TONG SUN PARK. SEOUL, KOREA UNQUOTE.

4. I ASKED FONMIN ABOUT ALLEGED THIRD TONGSUN PARK LETTER MENTIONED BY HUNDLEY TO JUSTICE. FONMIN WAS ASTONISHED AND SAID THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH A LETTER BUT WOULD CHECK TO CONFIRM THIS POINT. I HAVE ALSO INITIATED COLLATERAL INQUIRIES THROUGH KCIA TO DOUBLE CHECK.

5. THE TONGSUN PARK NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS END ARE NOW COMPLETED.
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